

Life toward God

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daily devotions

Peleh Yo'etz: Wonderful Counselor

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Scripture

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is. 9:6

Devotion

A counselor is someone who is an expert and can give wise advice to someone who asks. There are many times we're not sure what to do, and it is wise to ask people who are older or smarter about important decisions and choices we make. The book of Proverbs says a lot about the kind of wisdom and knowledge a godly counselor gives and the kind of counsel the Bible provides for us. As a matter of fact, the Bible says that the fear of the Lord (respecting and obeying Him) is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7).

Why is that? It's because God's wisdom and knowledge are so much greater than anyone else's. They are perfect. There is absolutely nothing in the whole world that God does not know—past, present, or future. He holds the answers to every question, so, James 1 tells us that if anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask God.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah (a prophet through whom God communicated to His people) predicted that a child would be born, and He would be called Wonderful Counselor (Is. 9:6). That is called a prophecy, and can you guess who Isaiah was talking about? That's right, Jesus. "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son." (Heb. 1:1) As a matter of fact in the New Testament Jesus is sometimes even called the "wisdom of God", so Jesus is our best counselor.

God has sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and to guide us in living lives that glorify God in all our thoughts and ways. When you need help with these things, when you need good counsel, remember that Jesus is there for you. He is our Wonderful Counselor.



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Questions

3-5-yr-olds

Lots of times people just act without thinking. Do you ever ask for help from your parents about the decisions you have to make?

1st-3rd graders

Have you ever made a bad decision? Why do you think you made that decision? What are some ways you can grow in your ability to make decisions that are good for you and glorifying to God?

4th-6th graders

Too many times we care more about what our friends think than we do about what God thinks. Why do you think we do that? What are some ways God may think differently than we do (hint: What kinds of things do we want that aren't good for us)? How can we grow in knowing God's counsel for our lives?

Prayer

Dear Holy and Wise God, please give me wisdom in my daily life and thoughts. Also give me godly counselors who know You and can guide me in making good decisions. Help me to love you more and more so that I grow in knowing you and your power in my life as I seek your wisdom in Your Word, through Your Son. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

